Class of 2023

Applying to College

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Applying to college is a big deal, and it's exciting! This handout outlines out some important details that you must keep in mind. Let's get started!

The application process looks something like this:

1. Research programs and colleges.
2. Create an account.
3. Create an application.
4. ~~Request your transcripts~~. <u>HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS DO NOT REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS</u>.
5. Pay the required application fee.
6. Gather and submit other supporting documents, if required.
7. Monitor your application for status updates and offers.

The first step in applying to college is to research the programs and colleges available to you.

Write down your 5 program choices. Remember, you can have a maximum of 3 program choices from any one college. <u>Make sure you are looking at September 2023!</u>

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Important Information Before You Apply

- The application processing fee is $110.00 (non-refundable).
- An application allows you up to 5 program choices (no more than 3 at any one college).
- All program choices must start within the same academic year. For most students it will be <u>September 2023.</u>
- <u>DO NOT request transcripts! Guidance will upload your transcript for you!</u>
- Your username is permanent.
- Your password must be between 8 and 14 characters in length.
- Use a valid email address. <u>DO NOT YOUR DSBN EMAIL</u>!
- DO NOT create more than one account.

The next step is to create an account with <u>ontariocolleges.ca</u> and begin your college application.

You will need your <u>OEN number and your Laura Secord Student Number</u>. These numbers are found on your Graduation Summary in your Aspen portal (the one where you found your timetable).

Once you have created an account, you will use this account to:

- Complete your application
- Pay for your application
- Make changes to application
- View and accept offers of admission

Important Dates to Keep in Mind

As long as there are open spaces in the program, you can add it to your application. However, there are some important dates to keep in mind, especially for highly competitive programs that fill up quickly.

Early October: Online Application Opens

• Applications are available online for programs that start the following fall.

November 1: Earliest Offer Date

• Colleges may begin sending offers of admission.

February 1: Equal Consideration Date

• Applications received and paid for on or before this date are considered equally by the colleges. It is critical to apply to highly competitive programs by this date.
• Applications are still processed after this date, but are considered on a first-come, first-served basis by the colleges.

May 1: Confirmation Deadline

• Most offers of admission must be confirmed by this date.

Mid-June: Tuition Deposit Due

• The colleges require payment of a tuition deposit in mid-June to secure your spot in the program. Each college sets its own tuition deposit amount and payment deadline and will inform you of the details.

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Are you ready to apply?

The Ontario colleges application for the 2023-24 school is now **OPEN**. You can create your account and apply whenever you are ready. Go to ontariocolleges.ca to apply.

<u>February 1, 2023</u> is the deadline to apply. It is recommended to apply well in advance of this deadline. Please do not leave it to the final minutes.

If you have questions when you are completing your college application, please record them below and then come to the Guidance Office to make an MSIP appointment. A Guidance Counsellor will meet with you and help you with any questions or concerns you may find.

I am applying to college, and I need help with:

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